

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY

OMB Control Number 1660-0009
Expires 06/30/2026
1. Request Date May 2, 2024

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2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration. Maine	2b. Population (as reported by 2020 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). <u>1,362,359</u>
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3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name Governor Janet T. Mills	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number Peter Rogers (207) 441-7422
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number
Peter Rogers (207) 441-7422

6. Declaration Request For: Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501 (a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date Apr 3, 2024 End Date Apr 5, 2024 or Continuing

If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought Earthquake Explosion Fire Flood Hurricane Landslide Mudslide
 Severe Storm Snowstorm
 (rain, high water, wind-driven, rain, hail, lightning) (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) Straight-Line Winds
 Tidal Wave Tornado Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Tsunami Volcanic Eruption Winter Storm
 Other (please specify) _____

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.
The combination of strong winds and wet, heavy snow from an early April severe winter storm resulted in widespread, prolonged power outages to approximately 40% of the state of Maine. By the afternoon of April 4th, the State had confirmed significant road closures and delays/cancellations across air, rail, and ferry transportation terminals due to power outages, downed trees, and severe weather conditions. The counties of Cumberland and York sustained the highest impacts from the early April storm, aggregating a significant amount of debris, emergency protective measure and infrastructure damage expenses in excess of \$3.5 million. Disruptions to seven community lifelines were documented during this event.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.
The State Emergency Operations Center moved to a full activation with select Emergency Response Team partners at 7:00am on April 4, 2024. The State Emergency Operations Center remained in full activation through the evening of April 5th. Throughout the event, state and local emergency management agencies worked to coordinate the delivery of 1,500 cots across the state to station over 1,429 utility crews at a time when non-congregate sheltering was unavailable due to the Solar Eclipse event. State and local efforts revolved around power restoration, road clearance, debris removal, response to resource requests, and activation of warming centers.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

Individual Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
A joint Preliminary Damage Assessment was not requested for this event based on lack of substantial damage information received during the Initial Damage Assessment phase.

Public Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested Apr 17, 2024 Start Apr 19, 2024 End Apr 24, 2024

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
Four Public Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment teams performed virtual assessments across a total of 45 towns between April 19th and April 24th. All validations were complete as of May 1st. There were no documented accessibility problems for the Public Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment teams.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance N/A Individuals and Households Program Crisis Counseling Program Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 All Disaster Case Management Disaster Legal Services Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).
Individual Assistance is not requested for this event.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).
N/A

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.
**Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request*

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance N/A Debris Removal (Category A) Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) Permanent Work (Categories C-G)* (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

All Public Assistance categories are requested for the counties of Cumberland and York.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

N/A

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:
N/A

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.
N/A

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

N/A I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).
N/A

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.
The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is requested for use statewide.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date September 27, 2028 b. Type of Plan Enhanced Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Apr 3, 2024 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

Cover Letter Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*
 Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
 Additional Supporting Documentation NWS Weather Event Report_04.03.2024-04.05.2024



Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

May 2, 2024

Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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